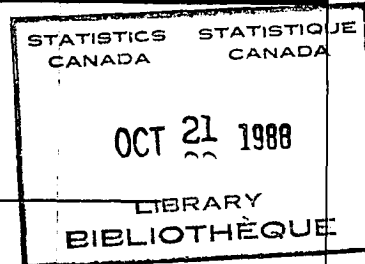


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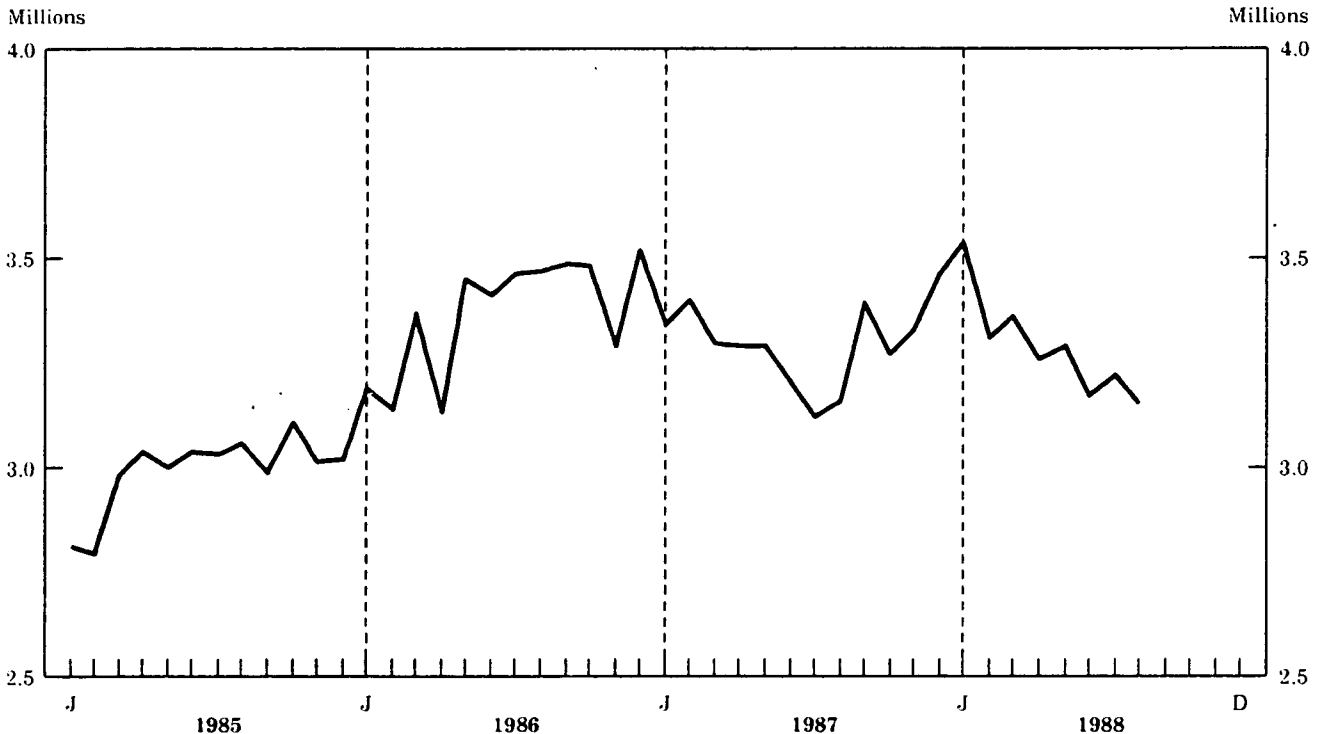
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Total Trips to Canada by Non-residents, Seasonally Adjusted



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Total Travel

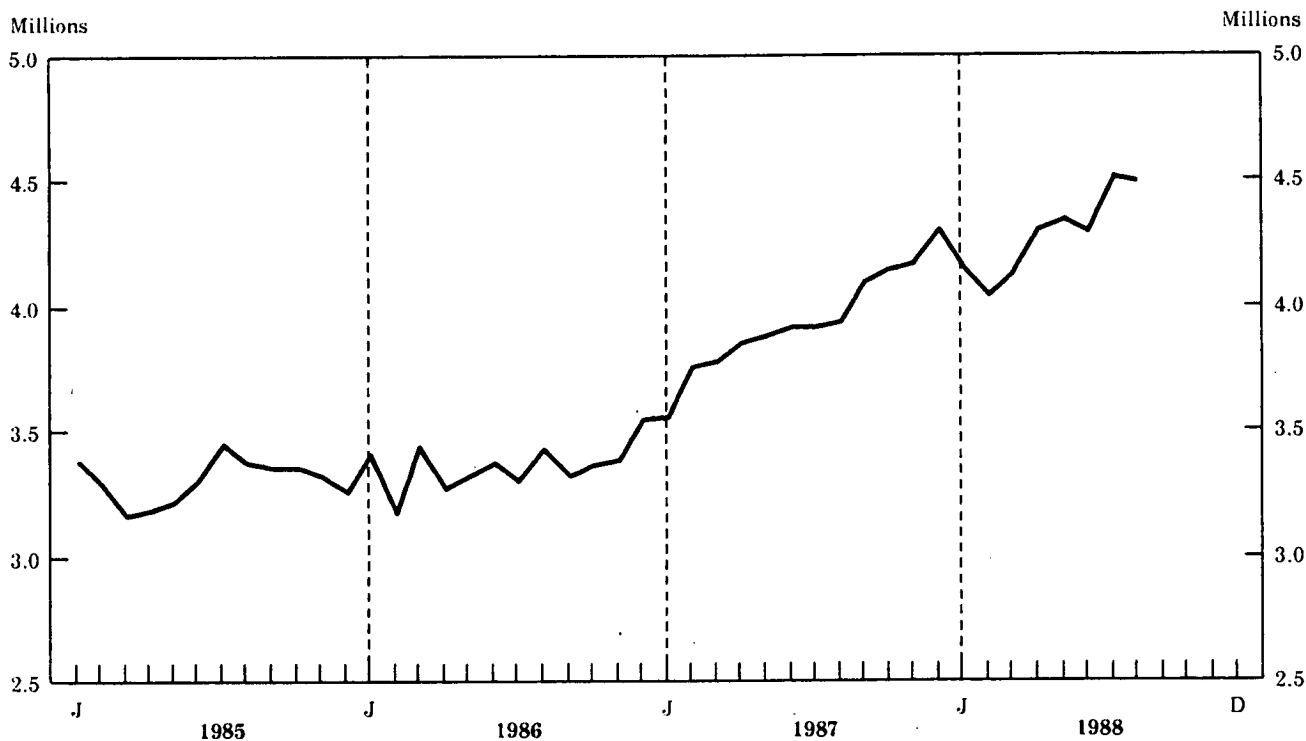
- On a seasonally adjusted basis, the August volume of foreign travel to Canada decreased by 2.1% from July, a continuation of the generally downward movement experienced since the peak of January 1988.
- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 2.3% from July to August 1988, on a seasonally adjusted basis. Total visits by U.S. residents had been generally climbing during the second half of 1987, reaching a peak in January 1988, at the onset of the Calgary Olympics. A declining trend in traffic from the U.S. has been persisting since that period.

Note to Users

The objective of seasonal adjustment is to reveal the underlying trend-cyclical movement in a time series. Seasonally adjusted figures are specially important for the analysis of short-term movements of less than one year. At the national level of aggregation, "Total trips" have an MCD (months of cyclical dominance) of four, which means that within that four-month period, the month-to-month comparisons would be dominated by erratic movements. Comparing the most recent seasonally adjusted estimate with the estimate four months earlier will yield a good indication of changes in the short-term trend. Seasonally adjusted data on overnight travel will be available at a later date.

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Total Trips Abroad by Canadian Residents, Seasonally Adjusted



- Trips by overseas residents to Canada remained at the same level as in the previous month. During the Winter Olympics, in February 1988, overseas visits had reached a record level on a seasonally adjusted basis.
- Total international trips by Canadian residents in August were just below the July figure, reflecting a slight drop in visits to the U.S.
- Trips by Canadian residents to the United States, measured on their return, decreased marginally (less than 1%) from the record level of July 1988. After a decline in the first two months of 1988, presumably reflecting the impact of the Winter Olympics, the level of Canadian visits to the U.S. had been generally increasing. Despite this recent decrease, the seasonally adjusted volume in August still represented the second highest level this year.

- Trips by Canadian residents to overseas countries increased by 2.2% between July and August, the highest results since the record level set in February 1988. This represented a reversal of the downward movement present since March.

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Total Travel

- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 7.5% from August 1987 to 5,253,000. In the first eight months of 1988, the number of U.S. visits to Canada declined by 2.1% from the comparable period last year.

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- Total trips to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States increased by 8.7% from last year to 514,000 during the same month. Over the first eight months of 1988, the number of visits to Canada by residents of countries other than the U.S. increased by 15.4% over the same period in 1987.
- Total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents numbered 6,154,000 - 8.7% above August 1987, and a record high for the month. On a year-to-date basis, this number has risen by 12.0% from the comparable period last year.

Overnight Travel

- Preliminary estimates indicate that non-resident trips of one or more nights to Canada, at 2,655,000 in August 1988, were 1.5% below those of August 1987. In the first eight months of 1988, these volumes were up 2.6% over the same period in 1987.

- The number of overnight visits by Canadian residents returning from trips abroad reached a new August record level of 2,204,000 or 5.6% above August 1987. In the first eight months of 1988, these volumes were up 8.6% over the same period in 1987.

The accompanying graphs show traveller entries and re-entries, seasonally adjusted, for the period 1985 to 1988.

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Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2695.

The August 1988 issue of *International Travel - Advance Information* (66-001P, \$5.50/\$55) will be available mid-October. See "How to Order Publications".

For special tabulations and more detailed information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Summary of Preliminary Estimates on International Travel¹

	1988							
	August	July	June	May	April	March	February	January
	(in thousands)							
	Adjusted for seasonal variation							
Total Number of Trips								
Non-resident Travellers								
All Countries	3,159	3,228	3,176	3,291	3,264	3,362	3,313	3,542
United States	2,905	2,974	2,938	3,034	3,008	3,084	3,027	3,306
Other Countries	254	254	238	257	256	278	286	236
Residents of Canada								
All Countries	4,493	4,513	4,297	4,352	4,299	4,126	4,041	4,167
United States	4,265	4,290	4,078	4,130	4,074	3,902	3,795	3,934
Other Countries	228	223	219	222	225	224	246	234
	August 1988	August 1987	% Change	Jan.-Aug. 1988	Jan.-Aug. 1987	% Change		
	(in thousands)			(in thousands)				
	Unadjusted							
Total Number of Trips								
Non-resident Travellers								
All Countries	5,767	6,150	-6.2	28,172	28,428	-0.9		
United States	5,253	5,677	-7.5	25,970	26,519	-2.1		
Other Countries	514	473	8.7	2,202	1,908	15.4		
Residents of Canada								
All countries	6,154	5,662	8.7	36,685	32,747	12.0		
United States	5,863	5,374	9.1	34,664	30,816	12.5		
Other Countries	291	288	1.0	2,021	1,931	4.7		
Estimated Overnight Trips²								
Non-resident Travellers								
All Countries	2,655	2,696	-1.5	11,324	11,042	2.6		
United States	2,196	2,290	-4.1	9,358	9,378	-0.2		
Other Countries	459	406	13.0	1,966	1,664	18.1		
Residents of Canada								
All Countries	2,204	2,087	5.6	11,700	10,773	8.6		
United States	1,913	1,800	6.3	9,678	8,842	9.4		
Other Countries	291	288	1.0	2,021	1,931	4.7		

¹ Totals may not add up due to rounding.

² Seasonally adjusted overnight trips available at a later date. Overnight estimates for the United States include auto and bus for one or more nights, and estimated long-term numbers for plane, train, boat and other methods. Figures for "Other Countries" exclude entries by land same day via the U.S. only.

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Wholesale Trade

1986

Preliminary results for 1986 indicate that the total volume of trade (net sales and receipts plus the value of goods handled on a commission basis) transacted by firms in the wholesale trade sector amounted to \$235.2 billion, an increase of 1.5% from the revised \$231.7 billion reported for 1985. Wholesale merchants accounted for \$199.7 billion, or 84.9% of the total volume of trade, while agents and brokers – the other segment of the wholesale trade sector – accounted for \$35.5 billion, or 15.1%.

Net sales and receipts, the main component of volume of trade, totalled \$189.5 billion in 1986, an increase of 2.3% from the \$185.2 billion reported in 1985 while the value of goods handled on a commission basis accounted for the remaining \$45.7 billion, a decrease of 1.8% from the \$46.5 billion reported in 1985. Year-end inventories rose to \$24.8 billion for 1986, up 3.5% from the previous year's level of \$23.9 billion.

The 1986 **Wholesale Trade Statistics** publication presents detailed information for merchants and agents and brokers at the establishment and location levels for Canada and the provinces based on the 1970 Standard Industrial Classification.

The 1986 issue of *Wholesale Trade Statistics* (63-226, \$30) will be available the third week of December. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Douglas Watson (613-951-3550) or Gilles Berniquez (613-951-3540), Wholesale Trade Section, Industry Division.

Processed Asparagus

1988

Data on processed asparagus for 1988 are now available.

The publication *Fruit and Vegetable Preservation Service Bulletin*, Vol. 17, No. 1, *Pack of Processed Asparagus* (32-023, \$7/\$115) will be released at a later date.

For further information, contact Brian Preston (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

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